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My last visit was in September of 2006 for the Brodifacoum trials in the Bay of Islands. I was there for about a week with 5 full days in the field.

Bait was being applied as I was there, but it was too soon for effects to show up. The bait did well vs. rats (but with apparent recolonization of one islet) and also killed song sparrows. The research team's assessment of impacts to song sparrows were a bit optimistic in my judgment because the birds flew from islet to islet; and the treated islets were interspersed among untreated ones. Still, they killed some birds.

I had an invitation for the 2008 project, but RD management wouldn't let me go. Later, the invitation was revised to include only those who could obligate 3 solid weeks to the endeavor because Adak's airport was closed due to the 2008 fuel situation. That circumstance would have ruled me out even if the other hadn't.

▼ [William Erickson---01/19/2011 09:36:39 AM---Thanks. Do you ever get back up there? From: Bill Jacobs/DC/USEPA/US](#)

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▼ [Bill Jacobs---01/19/2011 08:20:22 AM---BTW - There were more dead eagles found on Rat than there were in the discovery that led to the bann](#)

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BTW - There were more dead eagles found on Rat than there were in the discovery that led to the banning of predacidal uses of NaCN,, 1080, Strychnine, and Thallium Sulfate in 1972. It also should be noted that eagles were more common in the western Aleutians than they were in Wyoming.

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Report on Rat Island Project (RIP) Nontarget Mortality Released



An evaluation of the higher than expected nontarget mortality associated with the 2008 rat eradication effort on Rat Island is now available. Prepared by the Ornithological Council, the report maintains that "the success of the eradication effort and the likely conservation benefit of the rat eradication was *slightly marred* by the discovery, in 2009, of approximately 422 bird carcasses on the island." The report includes straightforward recommendations for future rodent eradication projects that should reduce the risks to nontarget species. You can obtain the complete report at:

<http://alaska.fws.gov/ratislandreview-final.pdf>

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